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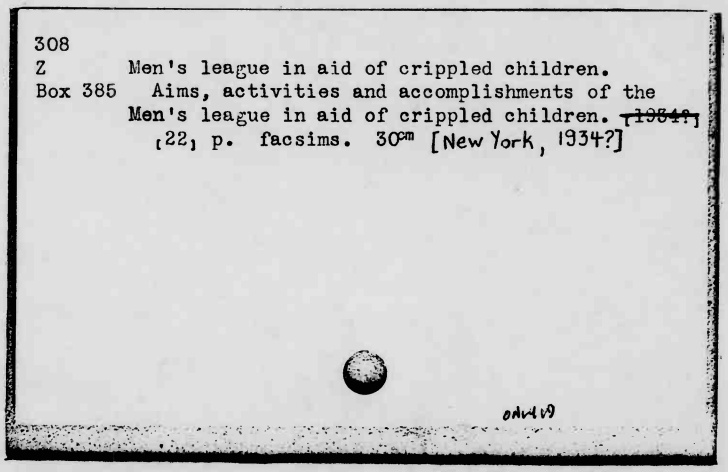
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MEN'S LEAGUE

IN AID OF

CRIPPLED CHILDREN

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1933.

My dear Mr. Eckstein:

I have been pleased to receive your letter of March eighteenth and to learn more of the activities of the Men's League in Aid of Crippled Children.

The further the contacts of such leagues as yours can be extended, through elimination of duplication of the activities of similar philanthropic organizations, the more helpful they become. Private organizations like yours are especially to be commended for their service to the community and nation.

If a word from me encourages your members to carry on, I am glad to make this contribution.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Mr. Arthur Eckstein,
Men's League in Aid of Crippled Children,
370 Seventh Avenue,
New York, New York.

Aims, Activities an

THE Men's League in Aid of Crippled Children was founded in 1925 by a group of business and professional men interested in the welfare of orthopedically handicapped children.

Aims and Purposes

1. To provide vocational guidance and funds for maintenance and tuition to orthopedically handicapped individuals desirous of following a professional or semi-professional career, a trade or a vocation with the ultimate goal of making them self-supporting, self-respecting citizens, thereby relieving their families and society of a financial burden.
2. To overcome the prejudice against employing properly trained orthopedically handicapped persons in industry.

Activities

1. **Maintenance.** Orthopedically handicapped individuals attending high school, college, business or trade school are given financial assistance sufficient to cover the cost of transportation, lunch and personal expenses.
2. **Tuition.** Tuition fees are paid in whole or part for orthopedically handicapped young people attending colleges, business or trade schools providing the previous scholastic record is satisfactory and the objective is considered suitable.
3. **Employment.** After education and training is completed assistance is given to locate satisfactory employment through the medium of personal contacts and the League's Bulletin, which is published periodically.
4. **Medical Attention.** Medical attention is provided only when it is to be followed by general or vocational training.
5. **Vocational Guidance.** Orthopedically handicapped individuals are given expert advice as to vocational guidance so as to assist them in planning a suitable profession, trade or vocation regardless as to whether or not they require financial assistance.

d Accomplishments

General Information

1. Any orthopedically handicapped individual between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five, residing in New York City, regardless of race, color or creed, may apply for assistance.
2. Financial assistance for maintenance and tuition is given where economic conditions warrant it and provided there is a reasonable certainty that the orthopedically handicapped individual can be gainfully employed.
3. Vocational guidance is given to any orthopedically handicapped person applying therefor, regardless of his financial situation.
4. The recognized high schools, colleges, trade and business schools are used for the education of those we assist financially.
5. Duplication is avoided as far as possible, by thorough investigation and cooperation with existing Social Welfare Organizations.
6. A bulletin of the League's activities is published at regular intervals and contains a situation wanted column for the benefit of those educated and trained by the League.
7. Officers are elected annually, serving without compensation, except the Secretary to the Vocational Training Committee, who is physically handicapped. The Secretary of Vocational Training Committee conducts investigations, makes contacts, and handles the League's correspondence.
8. The Men's League is supported by membership dues and voluntary contributions and operates under a minimum expense.
9. The League maintains an office at 370 Seventh Avenue. Telephone, PEnnsylvania 6-4488.

Accomplishments

Many persons trained by the League are now happily and gainfully employed in industry as pharmacists, watch and jewelry repairers, accountants, bookkeepers, stenographers, dressmakers, milliners, etc.

In most instances the health and mental attitude of the cripple who felt he had little or no future has been benefited by the vocational guidance, general and vocational education provided by the League, which enabled him to become a self-supporting, self-respecting citizen.

P R O F E S S I O N S A N D T R A D E S

Tuition, training and subsidy have been financed by the Men's League for courses including:

Optometry

Pharmacy

Mechanical Engineering

Laboratory Technician

Architectural Drafting & Design

Costume Design

Stenography & Typing

Bookkeeping

Dressmaking

Leathercraft

Watch Repairing

Music

Commercial Art

Millinery

Embroidery

Electrical Wiring & Repair

Power Machine Operating

A C C O M P L I S H M E N T S

A young man whom the League aided by paying tuition for a course in Pharmacy at St. John's College now OWNS AND OPERATES HIS OWN DRUG STORE.

A young woman, given a secretarial course by the League at the Merchants & Bankers Business School, was employed by the American Dry Goods Company from the time she completed her course in 1927 until she was married in 1931.

A young man whom the Men's League referred to the Employment Center for the Handicapped was placed by that organization with a C.W.A. project and is still employed there, having been advanced several times.

A young man for whom the Men's League provided private instruction in watch repairing, helped to support himself and his family until his father could establish a leather-findings business. The son now helps in the store but still works at the watch trade during slow periods.

A girl, handicapped by having but one hand, was given the opportunity to learn one-hand typing at the Kimball School. Upon the completion of her course, she found employment with the Salvation Army.

A very severely handicapped young man, untrainable, was placed by one of the Men's League members as a messenger and errand boy. He was employed by one firm from 1927 until its bankruptcy in 1933.

A young lady, trained by the Men's League in secretarial work at the Merchants & Bankers School, has been employed by the New York Philanthropic League since 1929.

A young graduate of a course in Mechanical Engineering at New York University is filling in time as a draftsman on a CWA project until employment conditions in his field improve. His tuition and maintenance at New York University were financed by the Men's League.

A C C O M P L I S H M E N T S (Continued)

The Men's League gave a secretarial course at Packard to a young girl who is now in training at the Willard Parker Hospital where she is studying Bacteriology. Her secretarial training has been of value to her in her new work.

A young man who is now studying Optometry at Columbia University with the financial aid of the Men's League, was also aided in finding employment during the summer.

A boy who completed his high school course with the League's help, was placed with a prominent radio concern by a League member. His job enables him to support his mother while he attends the evening session at City College.

A young high school lad who wanted to leave school and take a course in radio engineering was persuaded to complete his high school work in order to give him a better foundation for the future. To satisfy his keen interest in radio, he was advised to find a neighborhood store which would allow him to learn the trade in exchange for small services. He did this and is now happily engaged in learning the trade at no cost and without sacrificing his general education.

The Men's League in Aid of Crippled Children has given financial aid for tuition, books, fees, equipment and maintenance to young men and women. It does NOT operate a school of its own. The financial aid given makes it possible for these young people to attend a recognized and established college or school for the courses in the profession or trade which they wish to follow.

Among the colleges and schools attended by our proteges are:-

New York University
Columbia University
College of City of New York
Pratt Institute
St. John's College
Brooklyn College

Packard Business School
Kimball B.S.
Merchants & Bankers B.S.
Efficiency B.S.
Drake's B.S.
Becker's B.S.

Central Needle Trades School

Dave Berend's Music School

High School of Commerce
Textile High School.
De Witt Clinton H.S.
Stuyvesant H.S.
Morris H.S.
Seward Park H.S.

N.Y. School of Design
Art Student's League
Institute for Crippled & Disabled
Central Continuation School
East Side Continuation School
West Side Y.M.C.A.

The League also provided for private instructors in watch-repairing courses, in art and in music.

S O U R C E S O F A P P L I C A T I O N S

The applicants who come before the Men's League have been referred by state, city and private organizations. Some of these organizations are:-

New York State Department of Education, Rehabilitation Division.

Board of Education, City of New York, Division of Physically Handicapped Children

New York Philanthropic League

New York State Employment Service

Vocational Service for Juniors

Association for Aid of Crippled Children

Juvenile Charity League

Queensboro T.B. and Health Association

James Monroe High School

Julia Richman H.S.

Richman League

Home for Dependents, Welfare Island

Neurological Institute

St. Giles Hospital

Employment Center for Handicapped

Institute for Crippled and Disabled Men

Jewish Social Service Association

Girls Service League

Workmen's Circle

International Society for Crippled Children

Shut-in Society

Manhattan General Hospital

Lebanon Hospital

Hospital for Joint Diseases

Jewish Day Nursery

Neurological Hospital

L.I. College Hospital

Members of the League

Individuals who have heard of our organization from other persons, newspaper items or our radio programs.

STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

HERBERT H. LEHMAN
GOVERNOR

April 8, 1933

Mr. Arthur Eckstein,
Men's League in Aid of Crippled Children,
370 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Eckstein:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 24th, which I have read with much interest.

Although I have not had the opportunity of personally observing the activities of the Men's League in Aid of Crippled Children, I have heard from many people of the splendid and constructive work which your organization has done during the past twelve years.

In these very difficult days it is particularly necessary that everyone does everything within his power to help his less fortunate neighbors, and the work that you are doing in helping the crippled boys and girls of our city to find a vocation, and in assisting them in their very difficult path, is worthy of support.

I assure you that you have my best wishes for your continued success.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert H. Lehman

Our Young Pharmacist At Work
in His Drug Store.

June 1, 1933.

"The Mens League",
c/o Mr. A. Eckstein,
370 - 7th Ave.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

It is with the greatest satisfaction to me that I can write and tell you that I have completed my pharmaceutical course at St. John's satisfactorily at an average of 79%.

I would like again to thank you gentlemen, for the for financial aid you gave me at the time I needed it most and to assure you that I will repay every dollar in as short a time as possible.

I think you will be interested in my progress and as I go along I will keep in touch with you so that you may know what becomes of "a boy you have helped".

Sincerely yours,

CASE NO. 130

Young Man	Age:- 29 Religion:- Hebrew
Referred by:-	Dr. Alfred A. Richman, Director of the Manhattan General Hospital. February 1932
Disability:-	Congenital paralysis of hips. Wears braces. Walks with aid of cane.
Applied for:-	Financial assistance for tuition, State License fee and incidental fees.
Course:-	Pharmacy - at St. John's University, College of Pharmacy.
Disposition:-	Accepted. League expended $400.00 During period from March 1932 until date of graduation, June 1933. $225.00 has been refunded.
Remarks:-	Young man now owns and operates his drug store. (See picture on opposite page) He expects to be married shortly.

CASE NO. 98

Young Woman — Age:- 21 — Religion: Protestant

Referred by:- Vocational Service for Juniors
June 1931

Disability:- Poliomyelitis - right leg.

Applied for:- Financial aid for tuition and maintenance.

Course:- Secretarial - at Packard Business School.

Disposition:- Accepted. Maintenance granted during summer of 1931. Tuition paid from March to May 1932. League spent $223.05.

Co-operating Agencies :- Girls' Service League: Rehabilitation Division of N.Y.State Education Department: Willard Parker Hospital.

Remarks:- Girl lives at Girls' Service Club which provides room and board in exchange for small services. She is doing volunteer work as a laboratory technician in the Willard Parker Hospital.

CASE NO. 129

Young Man	Age:- 25 Religion:- Hebrew
Referred by:-	Dr. Alfred A. Richman, Director of Manhattan General Hospital, in February 1932.
Disability:-	Poliomyelitis- right leg. Uses crutches.
Applied for:-	Financial aid for equipment and books.
Course:-	Optometry- at Columbia University.
Disposition:-	Accepted. League paid for equipment and books, total cost being $340.53 from September 1933 to June 1934.
Co-operating Agencies:-	Rehabilitation Division, N.Y. State Education Department.
Remarks:-	This young man originally applied for assistance in studying medicine. A long, thorough investigation during which we consulted eminent physicians and educators led us to reject this application. The young man was advised to study Optometry as being more suitable to a person handicapped as he is. He is making excellent progress and was rated second highest in his class last semester. The Men's League has also secured temporary employment for him. This is an active case and our aid will probably be resumed in September 1934.

New York, New York
May 28, 1934.

Secretary of Men's League in Aid of Crippled Children:

My dear Miss Fleher;

My school year ended on Saturday, May 26. Therefore, I cannot honestly use your check sent on that date. The best course seemed to be to return it with thanks.

Circumstances arose during the past few months which would have rendered me helpless, as far as transportation and material goes, had it not been for the financial aid of the Men's League. In view of the fact that I cannot express my thanks in any other way, and until I can, I hope you will let this letter be a humble testimony of my gratitude.

In closing I might add that the Art Student's League has given me the Schnackenberg Scholarship which entitles me to another years study.

Very truly yours,

CASE NO. 51

Young Man — Age:- 20 — Religion:- Catholic

Referred by:- Dr. Adela J. Smith, Assistant Director of Division of Physically Handicapped Children, Board of Education, City of New York, in March 1928.

Association for Aid of Crippled Children in February 1934.

Disability:- Poliomyelitis - both legs. Wears double braces and uses crutches.

Applied for:- Private art lessons- in 1928
Financial assistance for maintenance and art materials in 1934.

Course:- Art. In 1928 - private tutor
In 1934 - at Art Students League.

Disposition:- Accepted. League paid for private lessons from November 1928 to June 1929 at a cost of $103.64.

Maintenance granted from April to May 1934 amounting to $7.50.

Co-operating Agencies:- Emergency Home Relief: Association for Aid of Crippled Children: Rehabilitation Division of N.Y. State Education Department.

Remarks:- This young genius studied under a scholarship which provided free tuition. Upon the completion of his studies in May 1934, he was awarded another scholarship at the Art Students League, entitling him to further study. He has distinguished himself in varied fields of art such as painting, sculpture, woodcarving, etc.

CASE NO. 86

Young Woman — Age:- 22 — Religion:- Hebrew

Referred by:- Institute for Crippled & Disabled
November 1930

Disability:- Curvature of spine

Applied for:- Maintenance

Course:- Dressmaking- Central Needle Trades
School.

Disposition: Accepted. Allowance granted monthly
from March 1933 to June 1934.
Amount spent to date - $205.00.

Co-operating Agencies:- New York Philanthropic League :
Rehabilitation Division, N.Y.State
Education Department.

Remarks:- In addition to the financial aid given
to this girl, we also secured clothing
for her. One of the members of the
Men's League provided free dental care.

This girl, for many years dependent
upon charity, will soon be in a position
to earn her own living.

CASE NO. 166

Young Man	Age:- 19 Religion:- Protestant
Referred by:-	St. Giles Convalescent Home, March 1933
Disability:-	Poliomyelitis - both legs. Wears braces and uses crutches.
Applied for:-	Financial aid for maintenance.
Course:-	Architectural Drafting - at Pratt Institute.
Disposition:-	Accepted. League grants monthly allowance during school term. Amount paid from September 1933 to June 1934 was $229.00.
Co-operating Agencies:-	Rehabilitation Division, N.Y.State Education Department: St. Giles Convalescent Home: Association for Improvement of Condition of Poor: Shrine Club of Nassau County.
Remarks:-	This young man is a fine student and of excellent character. He is employed during the summer months in an architect's office in Hempstead, L.I. This is an active case which will probably be resumed in September.

Bronx, New York
June 8, 1933

Mr. Arthur Eckstein
370 Seventh Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Eckstein

I want to thank you and the other gentlemen of the Men's League for the telegram of congratulations I received on the day of my graduation - a graduation which the kind assistance of the Men's League has made possible.

I am now looking for work and I hope to repay the Men's League as soon as I am employed.

I thank you again.

Yours respectfully

CASE NO. 61

Young man	Age:- 24	Religion:- Hebrew
Referred by:-	Mr. Sostman, member of Men's League, in February 1928.	
Disability:-	Poliomyelitis - right leg. Wears brace.	
Applied for:-	Financial aid for tuition and maintenance.	
Course:-	Mechanical Engineering - at New York University.	
Disposition:-	Accepted. League spent $873.00 during period from October 1929 to February 1932. $83.00 was refunded.	
Co-operating Agencies:-	Rehabilitation Division of the New York State Department of Education: New York Philanthropic League.	
Remarks:-	Young man was graduated in June 1933 at which time he wrtoe us the letter reproduced on the opposite page. He is now employed as a draftsman.	

M I S C E L L A N E O U S S E R V I C E S

In addition to the financial aid and guidance given by the Men's League, the organization has performed the services listed below, either through its members or by reference and recommendation to other organizations:

Employment

Dental Treatment

Clothing

Brace and Shoe Repairs

Vacation Service

Hospitalization

School Bus Transportation

Personal family services

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